



Show-offs who light cigarettes with dollar bills are few and far between, but careless hunters and hikers who burn dollars with lighted cigarettes are all too plentiful. Here a tract of valuable Alabama forest is being seriously damaged by fire. According to the U. S. Forest Service, millions of dollars of potential income have been destroyed by such spectacular but destructive configurations usually started through carelessness or ignorance.

Alabama Wealth Goes To Blazes When Forests Are Set Afire

Got a match, Bud? A \$100,000 match, that is.

There quite possibly are in the State of Alabama today several of the combustible little sticks of wood in that economic bracket. Certainly, before the war is over, there will be ample evidence that many more which have a value—industrial value—of more than \$100,000 will have been within our borders.

You couldn't distinguish between a match with such greatly inflated value and the fellows in the park. The difference between the light with a fantastic price on its head and its ordinary companion can be seen in the match with the man who carries it in his pocket, according to David E. Harpe, chief forester for the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company.

Mr. Harpe, whose job it is to keep thousands of acres of TCI timberland in first-class condition should know. During 1947 and the first half of 1948, more than 625 forest fires occurred on paroled Tennessee Company property. The loss was terrific. In fact, Mr. Harpe says that last year fires set the company's forestry program back five to 10 years.

This is where the high-priced matches come in. According to the State Division of Forestry, damage to forests by fire in 1947 amounted to an estimated \$1,190,707. There were 7,684 fires, which burned over nearly 325,000 acres of paroled land. Any of those fires might have caused a dollar loss running into six figures. And practically every one of them got its start as a little flicker on the end of a pocket match.

Years ago, the Tennessee Company found that the extra few acres of land it owns in Alabama held great treasure on the surface, as well as in the mineral veins deep within the ground.

TCI's prime purpose is to produce steel, but for every ton of steel produced, about 13 board feet of timber is used for mine props, railroad cross ties, power line poles, buildings and the like, within the company's properties.

And on TCI's land were to be found trees which would furnish an ample supply of timber—if the forests were protected and used wisely. That's how TCI became interested in forest conservation.

Today, the company has six foresters, including Mr. Harpe, to care for its woodlands. From aerial fire towers fires may be spotted almost as soon as they begin. In addition, there is a working agreement with the state forestry service, whereby patrolmen equipped with two-way

CONSERVATION CLUB

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equipment of game sanctuaries and record game kills each season. Food planning programs of game foods such as bi-color leopards, partridge peas and beggar weed, control of predatory animals destroying wildlife, forest fire control and promotion of laws designed to aid conservation.

The first meeting of the club will be held at the Elba Court-house at 7:30 P. M. August 8th. All persons who are interested in furthering the program of conservation are urged to attend the meeting.

Weight No Obstacle

The heavy steel beams spanning the front of the new Taylor building at the corner of Buford and Court Streets, was set in place Wednesday morning. The beam is 45 feet in length and weighs more than four tons. Under old time methods, hoisting such a beam would have been quite an undertaking, but contractor T. M. Stroud secured the services of Dorsey Trailers portable crane and the operation was a simple matter.

Already the pressed brick covering the steel beam gives an idea of the attractive appearance of the new building which will house an up-to-date super market to be operated by Herschel Taylor.

The church would belong to the side casting the most votes. The ballot resulted in a victory for the original Mr. Farris who came from South Carolina have passed away except one, Mrs. Lizzie Farris, wife of the late John J. Farris. She is the last surviving member of the William Henry Farris Jr. and of the Mason Kinney family. She now resides in Elba and will celebrate her 87th birthday September 1, 1949.

The six generations of this family have played a prominent part in the religious, civic, industrial and social life in Coffee County for the past 150 years. Mr. Francis Marion Farris served as chairman of the Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee for many years.

To show how close the Farris family has stuck to the Church-Well bridge community Mr. Farris points out that his grandfather, William Henry Jr. was born on the old Musgrove place east of Pea River; his father, Martin Beuren Farris, was born on the old Jack place between Churchwell bridge and Pea River dam. He was born about half way between the place where his father and grandfather were born. His daughter, Mrs. Sarah Annie Bell was born where Mr. F. M. Farris now lives and the two children were born on the same homestead, making five generations of the family born within a radius of four miles.

SOCIALS

Miss Tolsey Dismuke has returned from a week in the home of her sister, Mrs. Claxton Hornsby.

Joe Edd Bruce, Jimmy Edge, Jack Golden, of Opelika, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie D. Boswell last week-end.

Miss Joan Clark who is attending summer school at the University of Alabama spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Clark.

Mrs. Ruby Ellis, Charles and Connelia Ellis, Louis Owen Dismuke, Marilu Lee, Bobby Polom and Jack Parker are enjoying a house party at the Governor's beach cottage near Mobile this week.

Mrs. John Buchanan, of Tuscaloosa, is a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. James English.

Misses Winnie and Mary Bowden of Montgomery spent the past week-end with their mother, Mrs. Dan Bowden.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frank Lindsey visited in Florida Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Haise and Jerry Jr. of Perry, Fla., are guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clark.

Mrs. Fred L. Davis and daughter have returned from Dalton, Ga., where they spent several days with Mrs. Davis' father, Mr. G. W. Bearden.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rieburg and children of Troy, visited Mrs. Rieburg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dismuke, Saturday and Sunday.

Comer Devane was stricken with a heart attack while attending the funeral of Mary Annette Hall Sunday afternoon. He was carried to a Troy hospital where he is reported to be doing nicely. It is thought that he will be able to return home Friday or Saturday.

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News From Kinston

(By Mrs. Rayford Stephens)

ELAINE STUART HONORED

Mrs. H. H. Stuart was hostess to a group of small children Wednesday afternoon at a party in honor of the third birthday anniversary of her daughter, Elaine.

The Stuart home was attractively decorated with bouquets of roses and coral vine.

Following a period of entertainment the small guests were served ice cream and cake.

Those attending the party were Ricky and Linda Wood, Haskel Nevitt, Nancy Coon, Jo-linda Saunders, Richie Garcia, Gloria Donaldson, Angela Nobles, Cleo and Betty Roberts, Clara and Linda Pugh of Opelika.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pierce, Ann Marie, Jeanette, Jack, and Mrs. Willie Page Roberts, of Quincy, Fla. spent last week at the Stuart home.

Mr. Cecil Sutherland who is enroute from Union S. C., where he visited his brother, Dr. Lloyd Sutherland and Mrs. Sutherland, spent several days here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. Sutherland.

Miss Sue Adams returned Monday from Alexander City where she visited relatives.

REVIVAL MEETING TO BEGIN AT NEW CHAPEL

A series of meetings will begin at the New Chapel Baptist church in the Rhoades community Sunday night, July 31. The pastor, Rev. R. L. McCurley, will do the preaching. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mallory of Chummas, Ga., spent several days last week with relatives here. With Mr. Shell Coon, Miss Virginia Coon and Mrs. Buford Melton and children, they visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Coon at Faleo last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Russell and Mrs. Russell's daughter, Pat Brabham, of Orlando, Fla., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perry and other relatives and friends here this week.

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams Jr. and daughters, Janet and Cathy, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams and children, Nina and Roy Jr., spent the week-end with relatives in Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richardson of Kinston visited relatives and friends here the first of the week.

Miss Peggy Grimes of Andalusia is spending the week with Miss Ann Marie Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Rogers of Redlands, Calif., returned to their home Wednesday after a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Akins.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hester of Russellville are spending several days with Mrs. Hester's sister, Mrs. Fred Wood and Mr. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hester and daughter, Jane, of Birmingham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood Monday and Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gussie Moore and children of Quincy, following a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Pair and children.

Social Activities

Mrs. Will Kendrick, Social Editor

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and daughter, Susan, of Cleveland, Ohio, are the guests of Mrs. Mathews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Heywood Bowers and son, Ronnie, of Jay, Fla., have returned to their home following a visit to Mrs. Bowers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tillman.

Mr. Charlie Lunford and Mr. J. W. Kendrick attended a Masonic meeting in Birmingham Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ballard of Panama City Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lewis and son, Marvin Jr., and Bill, of Dothan, visited Mrs. Lewis' mother, Mrs. Horace Brock, last week.

Mr. T. Rushing and daughter, Marie, of Gadsden, recently visited his mother, Mrs. Minola Liberty, and his sister, Miss Louise Liberty. Mrs. Liberty went back with her son for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Tatum and Miss Martha Wright spent Monday in Tuscaloosa, Duke Jr., who has been in Tuscaloosa making plans to enter the University in September, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Wylie and daughters, Carol Jean and Coleen have returned to their home in Sacramento, Cal., following a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindsey.

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Mrs. Bessie Nichols of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. T. P. Futch, of Marianna, and Mrs. R. M. McArthur, of Bascom, Fla., spent last week in Elba as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wise.

Mrs. Bryan, of Birmingham, is a guest of Mrs. Emory Corbeth.

Mrs. Sylvester Irvin and two daughters have returned to their home in York, Ala. after a visit in the home of Mrs. Irvin's sister, Mrs. Duke Tatum.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bush and daughter, Joette, of Andalusia, were guests of Mrs. Bush's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Blackmon, Sunday.

Miss Sammie Blue came home from Alabama College, Montevallo, to spend the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Sam Blue.

Mrs. J. W. English and Miss Carolyn English have returned from Atlanta where they spent a few days with Mrs. English's aunt, Mrs. Allie Roberts Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mosie Jeff Thursday for their home in Chicago after several weeks visit in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Charles Lindsey.

Mrs. Lander Cureton and children, of Greenville, visited Mrs. J. M. Bonneau last week.

Mrs. Will Cooper of Brantley was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper Sunday.

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Party Loaf Was 55c Now 43c

Pink Salmon Was 63c Now 45c

20 Oz. Can Was 47c Now 35c

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Brunswick Stew Was 47c Now 35c

Flat Sardines Was 15c Now 10c

POUND CAN

Pork & Beans lb. cans 3 for 25c

Fresh MEATS

HOOP CHEESE Kraft Elkhorn lb. 43c

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POOR ORIGINAL

New Brockton News

Mrs. George Hogg, Correspondent

McKINNON CIRCLE MEETS WITH MRS. SAWYER

The McKinnon Circle of the Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wade H. Sawyer with eleven members present. Mrs. N. W. Hayes was welcomed as a new member.

Mrs. Colley E. Pittman led the meditation. Mrs. B. E. Harris taught the lesson for the afternoon from the mission study book on prayer.

Following the program a social hour was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stephens and daughters of Daleville visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sawyer and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McIntyre of Daleville and Mrs. Henry Cosby of Saratoga, Fla., visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wise Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Whitlock of Auburn visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Semmes Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Rainey is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Rainey in Thorby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Daughtry spent the weekend on the Gulf coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Lex Nichols and Mackie were visitors in Dothan Sunday night.

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Hearse and Ambulance Service For All Brown-Service and Liberty National Policies Authorized Undertaker

Miss Jane Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hayes and daughters, Patricia and Sara Elizabeth, spent several days last week at Sunnyside, Fla., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dan Sawyer have returned from a visit with their daughters in Miami, Fla.

Miss Jane Leverette, of Brundidge, visited Mrs. G. T. McDowell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Rhodes and family of Pensacola, Fla., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Gunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bullington of Jacksonville, Fla., spent Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anna Mixson of Arison Route 1.

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STEPHENS CIRCLE MEETS MONDAY AFTERNOON

The Stephens Circle of the W.M.S. held its regular meeting on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. F. Jones with nine members present.

Mrs. Claude Sawyer led the devotion for the afternoon. Mrs. J. K. Hayes taught the mission study from the book on Stewardship by Mrs. Carter Wright.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

A social hour followed.

Mary Davis, who has spent several weeks with her grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cain, returned to her home with her parents Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Culver of Montgomery announce the birth of a son on July 22 at St. Margaret's Hospital. Mrs. Culver will be remembered as Miss Polly Maddox.

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SAWYER REUNION

Members of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sawyer held a reunion at the V.F.W. home Sunday.

Dinner was served picnic style. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sawyer, Miss Vonnelle Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sawyer and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Herring, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Herring and Bendolph, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Herring and Amelia Kate, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bede, sole and daughters, Betty Neta Faye and Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herring Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Sawyer and son, Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sawyer, Mrs. Missoum Russell, Mrs. Miriam Russell, Leo Russell, Mr. and Mrs. John Beasborn and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Leham Sawyer, Betty and Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sawyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rudd, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberts and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sawyer, Joe Ellis Sawyer, Billy Roberts, Gayle Martin, Anna Harris, Jo Ann Sawyer and Mrs. Selma Herring of Clio, Miss Annie Lois Sawyer of Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Peters of Ozark.

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Kasper and daughter, of St. Louis, Mo., were Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fuller and family.

Jimmy Davis is spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cain.

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VISITORS HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gunter honored their visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Rhodes, with a dinner in their home Wednesday night. Summer flowers were used in decorating the home.

Supper was served buffet style to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. John Chancey and daughter, Sara Helen, Mary Mae and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Rowe of Enterprise, Miss Lillian Rowe, Mrs. Glennie Smith, Mrs. Zelma Brunson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Gunter and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rowe and Mr. Sammie Rowe, of Elba.

Miss Sara McDowell attended the F.H.A. state convention in Birmingham last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Martin of Talladega were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lex Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Gunter visited Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Gunter Jr. in Opelika Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brock have returned to their home in Orlando, Fla., after a visit with relatives in New Brockton.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Hardwick have returned to their home in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bailey announce the birth of a daughter on July 13. She has been named Rosemary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilks and son, Al, spent the week-end at the Gulf.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Fulford and sons, David and Richard, have returned from a visit with relatives in Miami, Fla.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 34: 37; 46: 91;
DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah 55: 1-2

God Can Be Trusted

Lesson for July 31, 1949

EVEN if you do nothing else with this lesson, it will be a good thing to learn by heart some of the Psalms of Trust which have been selected for your study this week. They are far too rich to be treated in one column.

Who Can Trust in God?

PSALM 34:10-22. Not every one has a right to trust in God. Those who do not believe in him, do not love him, work against him, try to break down and corrupt those who do believe in him — these need expect nothing at his hand. But there are three classes of persons who are encouraged to put their trust in God. One is the "convert," the repentant, those who sincerely wish to be cut free from their sins—these can surely trust in God for forgiveness. One who cannot trust God for forgiveness has no right to trust him for anything else. Then the "righteous," as the Psalmist calls them, have a right to trust in God.

If that word means only the perfectly and altogether good people, it would leave all of us out. But in the light of the Bible as a whole, the righteous are those whose dominant desire is to love and serve God.

Their service is imperfect, their love is far from perfect, and no man is without sin. But if you can say with Peter, "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee," then you have a right to trust in God. Also the broken-hearted can safely trust in him. Whoever else may break your heart, God will not. He is the great Mender of hearts. For the little sorrows there may be lesser comforters; but the real heart-breaker only God can cure.

Why Trust God?

PSALM 57 gives one answer: The opposite of trust is worry, and worry never did any good at all. Worry eats into the mind, cuts no light, gives no strength, solves no problems, worry makes any trouble worse. Then the writer of Psalm 34 gives another reason for trust: he had tried it. If trust in God were simply a doctrine of theology or a theory of preachers, not many people would take it seriously.

Trust is really passed on by a kind of contagion from heart to heart. If there are not more people who know what trust means, it is because those who have known have kept it too much to themselves.

It would be a wonderful stimulus to most churches to have a little "cell" of people who would really agree to trust God every day.

When to Trust in God

ONE of Dickens' famous characters used to make a great point of being cheerful under the most uncheerful circumstances. Anybody can be jolly when everything is lovely, he said. There's no credit in not worrying when there's nothing to worry about. Although the writers of the Bible, one and all, trusted in God, not one had an easy life. Read Psalm 46, for example. It gives a picture of a world much like ours of today, shaken to its foundations, torn by wars, a desolate, discouraged world. If it made sense to trust only under bright skies, religion would have perished long ago.

For What Shall We Trust God?

NO ONE PSALM puts the whole truth in one nutshell. If you read Psalm 91, for example, by itself, it would seem to prove that if you trust in God you will never die a violent death, nor so early one; but too many saints (and indeed our Lord himself) had died early and violent deaths, for us to take Psalm 91 in that way. Trusting in God does not mean he will give us long life. It means he will give us strength to match our days.

It does mean he will give us all we need. It does not mean we shall be shielded from troubles. It does mean he will save us from troubles greater than we can bear. It does not mean that in this life we shall be wholly free from burdens or from pain; it does mean we shall have strength in our souls (Ps. 138:3).

Which is the greater thing—to be a weakling wearied by a straw's weight, or to be one of God's athletes, able to bear the worst the world can pile on?

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Aussie Males Said to 'Wow' American Girls

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—A graduate of Hunter college in New York who married a New Zealander but has lived in Australia since 1941 says Australian men are "better bets—as bachelors or husbands"—than American men.

She is Mrs. Violet Colbert, who was born at "and always moved back to" New Rochelle, N. Y.

She said American girls "go" for Australian men.

Mrs. Colbert wrote "In Defense of the Australian Male" under the name of Carol Coleman in the Melbourne national fortnightly, Women's Day.

The wife of a corset and brassiere factory manager in Melbourne, she said in an interview when he gets back home he is full of his glory and fond of telling the lass next door that she doesn't appreciate him the way American girls did.

She met her husband aboard the Matson liner Monterey coming to Australia, worked as a dietitian in the Melbourne Alfred hospital for six months, then married.

"The Australian male," she wrote, "is often surprised, pleased and flattered by his success abroad. When he gets back home he is full of his glory and fond of telling the lass next door that she doesn't appreciate him the way American girls did."

"Why do American girls 'go' for Australian men? Why does the local product look so good away from home? Let me go right on the record, please, and maintain that it looks all right on its own home ground."

"You Australian girls who are fed on dazzling Hollywood versions of American womanhood and who recently were awed and blinded by American uniforms and wealth, lend an ear to one who speaks straight from the heart. You always take an Australian male any time or place, always."

Why? Because he has no "line," because he's not messed up and hedged in by fraternities. Because he doesn't suffer from a surfeit of sophistication.

"Every American male is convinced that his line is unique, devastating and sure-fire, and that it effectively disguises the inner wolf."

Attitude of Conceit

"This bespeaks an attitude of conceit in the American male, and that is why Australian men are better bets—as bachelors or husbands. The American man expects to hunt, or to be hunted, while there is less self-consciousness between the sexes in Australia, and more genuine friendliness."

"I attribute this to three causes: the early age at which boys and girls go out on dates in America; the early age at which American boys are allowed to own or to drive cars, and the accessibility, and fraternities."

"My first 'date' was when I was the ripe age of 14, and my escort a seasoned 10. He had his car, and a junior license. In Australia boys and girls go to parties and dances in groups."

"Girls of 15 in New York talk about their 'steadies,' and refer to other children of similar age as 'going steady.'"

Atomic Time May Take Place Of Current Measure Systems

PHILADELPHIA.—The world is about to face a choice between two kinds of time, because the earth's rate of rotation is slowing.

This is the message of the world's chief timekeeper, Britain's royal astronomer, Sir Harold Spencer Jones, chief of Greenwich time. He is having trouble with the length of the day, he reported to the American philosophical society.

He said that because of the gradual slowing in the earth's rotation time today is not the same as in Babylonian days. Records of Babylonian astronomers show this. Time is slower now because the earth takes longer to reel off 24 hours.

That will go on, Sir Harold said, until it will take 47 of the present days for the earth to make one turn on its axis.

In that day, too, the earth will always present the same face to the moon, because the moon's motion around the earth will be slower. You will have to travel half way around the world then to see the moon if you happen to live on the wrong side.

Sir Harold said that although this long day is too remote to be important now, its beginnings are about at the parting of the ways.

Until now clocks haven't been accurate enough to be bothered. But Sir Harold said the new atomic clock about to be built by the national bureau of standards, Washington, will really differ from the time shown by present Greenwich methods of relying on the earth's rotation. The atomic clocks will be correct. Mother earth will be wrong.

The slowdown is due partly to the drag, that is friction, of tides in shallow seas. The moon raises these tides. It works just like the moon using a rope to hold back the earth.

Ancient Treasure Of Persian Gold Brought to Museum

CHICAGO.—A royal treasure of Persian gold from the period 500 B.C. has been bought by the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute.

University officials said the valuable collection was bought from a European art collector for an undisclosed price. It is the only collection of its type in the western hemisphere.

Thorold Jacobsen, director of the institute, said the treasure consists of 83 pieces of gold, each exquisitely carved. He said it is an example of the art of the last oriental empire before Greece and Rome took over cultural leadership.

It is from the period of the Emperors Darius and Xerxes and survived the looting and plundering by soldiers in the time of Alexander the Great.

Intimately designed, the medallions are believed to have been adornments for the vesture of royal personages. They are the work of Persian goldsmiths and Jacobson said they rank in craftsmanship with what the finest modern jewelers could do today with improved tools and microscopes.

He said the treasure represents an art supported by unlimited wealth.

How the gold survived the last 2,500 years is supposition. But historians believe that some Persian prince, fleeing from Alexander's men, may have buried the treasure for safekeeping.

One piece is a complete neck. It consists of 95 separate pieces—20 lion heads, 53 granulated beads and 23 other beads made of two parts.

The most prized single piece is a four-inch winged and horned lion. The ribs, muscles and feathers are chiseled to form the body.

Experts said it is a rare piece of relief art work, the lion having been cut away from the medallion by hand.

The university said a microscopic examination showed that small rings on the back of the medallions, for the purpose of sewing the medallions to clothing, had been soldered with the same quality of gold as the jewelry.

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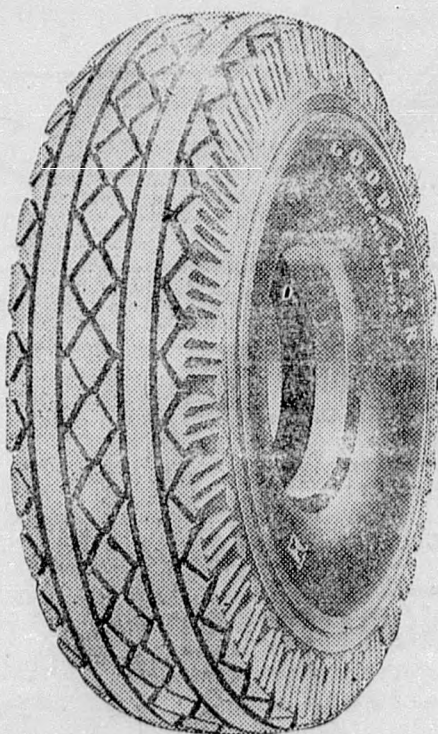
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